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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU SHUNS DENKTASH'S VAROSHA PROPOSAL

REF: A. NICOSIA 1811 (DTG 210900Z JUL 78)  
B. NICOSIA 1804 (DTG 200855Z JUL 78)

SUMMARY. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S REACTION TO DENKTASH PROPOSAL ON  
VAROSHA IS HIGHLY NEGATIVE. FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES DISAPPOINTED AT  
HASTY REJECTION. GOC MAKING ISSUE OF U.S. SUPPORT OF VAROSHA  
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PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEAKING BEFORE LARGE CROWDS IN NICOSIA NIGHT OF JULY 20  
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU REJECTED IN ITS PRESENT FORM OFFER BY TURKISH  
CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH FOR RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA. KYP-  
RIANOU DESCRIBED OFFER AS "SLIPPERY AS A MELON SKIN" (MEANING IT  
IS A BOOBY TRAP). HE SAID HE HAD WONDERED AT FIRST WHY DENKTASH

HAD MADE THIS MOVE NOW, BUT HAD LEARNED LATER FROM WASHINGTON THAT DENKTASH HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO MAKE PROPOSAL TO INFLUENCE EMBARGO DEBATE IN U.S. SENATE. KYPRIANOU SAID IF DENKTASH WERE SERIOUS, HE SHOULD SUBMIT TO UNSYG WALDHEIM A PLAN FOR RETURN OF FAMAGUSTA TO GOC PROVIDING FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, RIGHT TO PROPERTY, AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS. THEN WALDHEIM COULD DECIDE WHETHER TO START NEGOTIATIONS.

2. KYPRIANOU SAID HE WOULD NEVER MEET WITH DENKTASH BUT WOULD MEET WITH OTHER TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS. DENKTASH, HE SAID, HAD BEEN IN COLLUSION WITH RECENTLY DEPORTED WEST GERMAN FORMER DIPLOMAT, PAUL KURBJUHN, IN CONSPIRACY DIRECTED AGAINST GOC. (REMAINDER OF KYPRIANOU'S SPEECH, WHICH WAS PART OF CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH INVASION, WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO DEMONSTRATING THAT GOC WAS FOLLOWING MAKARIOS LINE.).

3. MANY PROMINENT REFUGEES FROM FAMAGUSTA CRITICIZED HASTY REJECTION OF PROPOSAL. STATEMENT ISSUED NIGHT OF JULY 20 AND BEARING NAMES OF OVER 100 WELL KNOWN FAMAGUSTIANS SAID HASTE WITH WHICH PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT ABILITY OF GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE CYPRUS PROBLEM. SPECIAL EDITION OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AMOKHOSTOS, WHICH REPRESENTS INTEREST OF FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES, WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL AND SAID IT WOULD NOT REMAIN SILENT ON THE ISSUE. PAPER DEMANDED THAT REFUGEES BE CONSULTED ON RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH DENKTASH'S MOTIVES IN MAKING OFFER WAS TO LIFT EMBARGO, CONFIDENTIAL

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MOTIVE WAS IRRELEVANT; IMPORTANT THING WAS TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER SUBSTANCE OF OFFER. BOTH AMOKHOSTOS AND RIGHTWING DAILY SIMERINI REPORT THAT COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE REJECTED WITHOUT BEING PUT BEFORE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE CONFIRM THIS. ORGANIZATIONS OF FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES ARE EXPECTED TO HOLD MEETINGS TODAY AND TO ISSUE FURTHER STATEMENTS.

4. MOST GREEK CYPRIOT PAPERS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SUBSTANCE OF DENKTASH PROPOSAL AND TO STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO IT, BUT HAVE NOT YET TAKEN EDITORIAL POSITIONS. CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION IS GIVING PROMINENCE TO GOC SPOKESMAN'S CRITICISM OF ALLEGED U.S. ROLE IN INSPIRING PROPOSAL (REF A). TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS FEATURED DENKTASH OFFER BUT HAS NOT EDITORIALIZED ON SUBJECT.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KYPRIANOU'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO VAROSHA OFFER WAS NOT QUITE AS CATEGORICAL AS IT WAS IN CASE OF MARCH TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, IT IS BEING WIDELY INTERPRETED HERE AS OUTRIGHT REJECTION. GOC HAS NOT YET PUT OUT FORMAL CRITIQUE OR ANALYSIS OF OFFER. THROUGHOUT DAY OF JULY 20, GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE KEPT SAYING IT WOULD ISSUE WRITTEN STATEMENT BY

FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS; FACT THAT IT DID NOT DO SO INDICATES GOVERNMENT HAD DIFFICULTY IN FORMULATING DETAILED RESPONSE. IT APPEARS THAT KYPRIANOU DID NOT CONSULT WIDELY BEFORE REJECTING PROPOSAL, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF REALIZATION THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A CONSENSUS AGAINST PURSUING THE OFFER. IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER FAMAGUSTA XREFUGEES WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD ENOUGH PRESSURE UNDER KYPRIANOU TO FORCE HIM TO RECONSIDER DISCUSSING DENKTASH'S OFFER.

6. KYPRIANOU WAS IN MARKEDLY BETTER FORM THAN DURING HIS TELEVISION SPEECH (NICOSIA 1809). HE WAS ALERT, PUGNACIOUS, AND ACCORDING TO SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT OBSERVERS, APPEARED TO BE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF HIMSELF EVEN DURING ANGRY ASIDES. END COMMENT.  
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